

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claims 3-6, 12 and 13 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 7-11 and 14 are canceled hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7-11 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US patent 5,677,716 (Cleveland), Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, 7-11 and 14.

At page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3-6, 12 and 13 are allowed, for which courtesy the Examiner is thanked. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 3-6, 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

It is further submitted that the requested amendments to the claims, submitted after the Office Action designated as Final, should be entered, in that the amendment will place all remaining claims in condition for allowance.

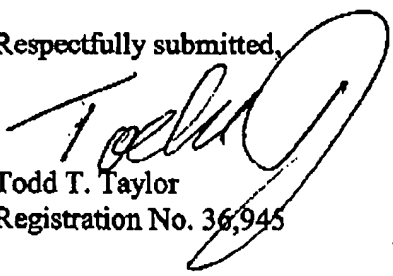
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

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